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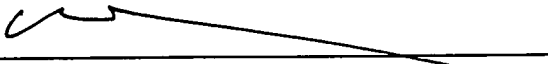
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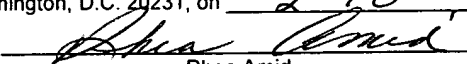
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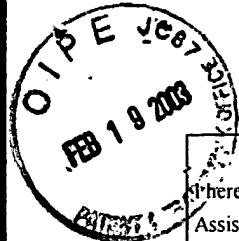
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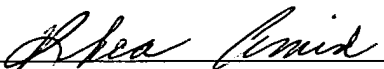
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 9, 2003, for which a response is due on February 10, 2003 as February 9, 2003 being a Sunday. Since this response is timely filed, *i.e.*, by February 10, 2003, no fee is required for filing this Response.

Claims 1-54 are restricted to groups I - XII as follows:

- I. Claims 1-2, 5-31, 36-55 and 133-138, drawn to a method of modulating the expression of a target gene by topically applying a zinc finger protein to a plant, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
- II. Claims 1, 3-31, 36-89, 91-100 and 133-138, drawn to a method of modulating the expression of a target gene by transforming a plant with a nucleic acid that